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Morning Worship Service

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

JANUARY 29, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

The purpose of this sermon will be to unpack what Micah and Matthew have to say about God's recipe for success.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE “*Processional on ‘Lauda Anima’*” Don Hustad

INTROIT “*A Charge to Keep I Have*” Lowell Mason/Charles Wilkinson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For the gods of the nation are idols, but the Lord makes the heavens.

People: Come, let us worship our Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 417

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Redeeming God, You come to us in Christ to rescue us from slavery to sin and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. This we ask in the name of Your Christ, our Savior, in whom we live and move and have our being and whose prayer we offer up with one voice praying...

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSiON

Leader: The promise of our faith is that if we repent and call on the name of the Lord, our God will remember our sin no more. Therefore, let us confess our sins and received God's promised mercy.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSIO

Lord of Hosts, as we bow in Your holy presence, we see the awful depth of our sinfulness. We have fallen so far short of the holiness to which You call us. Forgive our stubborn waywardness, and empower us by Your Holy Spirit to do just, to love mercy, and walk humbly with our God, according to the example set for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Leader: Hear now, O Lord, our personal prayers of confession in this time of silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great. Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12 Micah 6:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Recipe for Success

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

*UNISON PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as His reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares His labor of healing the enmities which separate men and women from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy

Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to others commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humanity so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of others in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity to one another and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of our life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION NO. 422**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

What an honor and privilege it is to come before God and offer to Him our various gifts and offerings. As we do so, let us give with a generous and cheerful heart.

OFFERTORY

“Rock of Ages”

Don Hustad

***DOXOLOGY NO. 592**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God of redemption, You bless Your creation and it springs forth with beauty. You judge Your people with righteousness and new life abounds. We bring You now the fruits of our labors. Bless the work of our hands, so that what we do reflects the radiance of Your love. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, so that what we say and do proclaims to all people the new hope in Jesus. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 419 “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”**

****POSTLUDE**

“Praise the Lord”

Don Hustad

BENEDICTION

*Congregation standing as able.

**Please be seated until the conclusion of the Postlude.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please speak to our minister following worship.

As a courtesy to those around you, please turn off or silence cell phones and personal communication devices.

During the 11:00 worship service today, we rejoice in welcoming Gwen Rogers to our church family by letter of transfer. She is the mother of Chris Rogers. Please be sure to greet her following the service this morning.

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Judy Joyner Hodges by Dan and Frances Joyner Brasfield.

Nursery care is available for newborns through four-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

Ritual of Friendship—Members and Visitors: Please sign the black attendance register every Sunday and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers. You may also view the bulletin by visiting our website at www.firstprestupelo.org. See the “Bulletin” link at the top of the homepage.

After the 11:00 Children’s Sermon, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to attend **“Wee Kirk.”** This is a time of fun childcare with age appropriate songs and games. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you excuse yourself and your child, you can hear the service over speakers in McFadden Hall (directly behind the Sanctuary).

We care about you as we care about each other. If you would like to submit a prayer request, you may use the blue cards in the pews or in McFadden Hall, and our pastoral staff and prayer partners will pray for you.

The service is live streamed and available for viewing on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) by those unable to be with us this morning. Search *firstprestupelo*. We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

Leading the worship service today: Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris
Liturgist: 9:00: Virginia Toliver, 11:00: Rud Robison

Greeters: 9:00: Jim and Hudson Fisher, Nancy Brown and Jimmy Milam
11:00: Gay Abney, Leslie Hastings, Doyce Deas

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to join church friends and our visitors for supper and fellowship at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 1. The menu: Italian Baked Cheese Spaghetti, Chicken Tenders, Homestyle Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Full Salad Bar, Chocolate Delight, Lemon Crunch, Strawberry Shortcake, Cookies, and Ice Cream. Sign up by Noon on Wednesday by using the [link](#) in Friday's newsletter or calling the church office at 662-842-5681. Wednesday night programs for adults, children and youth begin at 6:00 P.M. Adults will finish our study of the Enneagram, led by Julie Gibens and Trey Leeke. All programs conclude at 7:00 P.M.

If you use offering envelopes, please pick up yours for 2023. They are located on a table in the breezeway and are in alphabetical order. If you do not have offering envelopes and wish to have them, please call the church office.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Rudy Caldwell, Sr., who died January 18. He was the father of Rudy Caldwell, Jr.

Cancer Treatments: Sam Pace

Homebound: Mike Black, Bobbye Carsten, Carolyn Gaston

College Students: Lucy Wells, Ana Morgan Beckham, Carson Clark

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.: 42 11:00 A.M.: 112

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:00 A.M. Sunday school

11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary

5:30 P.M. Youth

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

5:00 P.M. Administrative Committee, Bolton/Sistahood Room 110

7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih

10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting

11:00 A.M. Bible Study, Bolton/Sistahood Room 110, Matthew 5:13-20

7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

3:00 P.M. Mah Jongg, Stewart Clayton Room
5:05 P.M. Tower Ringers
5:30 P.M. Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:00 P.M. Adults, Faithbuilders & Youth
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

THE SESSION

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Moderator
Clerk of the Session, Lisa Nichols

Class of 2023
Kirk Biddle
Susan Boone
Amy Fagan
Mitzi Moore
Aubrey Patterson, Jr
Grayson Robbins
Debra Robison

Class of 2024
Kim Burleson
Cindy Faucette
Leslie Geoghegan
Michael Gratz Jr.
Chauncey Godwin
Charles Reece
Alice Rogers

Class of 2025
Richard Hastings
Trey Leeke
Lucy Nash
Chris Rogers
Mary Stubbs
Glenn Thomas
Presly Wallace

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education

Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music

Dr. Ray Harris, Organist

Seth Shelnut, Audio/Visual Technician

Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs
Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian

Helen Curtis, Church Secretary

Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary

Debbie Merritt, Receptionist

Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent

Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 8 6:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Newly / Not So Newlywed Game!



That's right—we will celebrate Valentine's Day by throwing it back to the 1970s game show where couples compete to see who knows each other best! The contestant lineup includes several (not-so-newlywed) couples you know. All ages are welcome to attend to cheer on your favorite couple!

FEBRUARY 15 6:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

REPORT FROM CUBA



Highlights of the Cuba mission trip taken last fall

FEBRUARY 22 6:15 P.M. SANCTUARY



Ash Wednesday Service



YOU'RE INVITED TO
*Jackson Caldwell
& Alicia Elliott's*
WEDDING SHOWER

*February 19, 1-2:30 pm
First Presbyterian
Fellowship Hall*

REGISTERED AT ELIZABETH CLAIR'S,
REED'S, AND THE KNOT

www.theknot.com/us/jackson-caldwell-and-alicia-elliott-apr-2023/registry